

REMARKS*Response to Restriction Requirement*

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 6, 2006, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I including Claims 1-7, 12-17, 40-49, and 50, and respectfully traverse and request reconsideration of the Requirement. Applicants traverse on the basis that the Claims 8-11 are not drawn to a method as described by the Examiner and are at least as applicable to the subject matter of Group I of "controlling data transfer in a synchronous or split mode" as the subject matter of Group II, "write completion/communication of a tape library." Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement, at least regarding Group II.

In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, Central Number at (571) 273-8300 on the date shown below:

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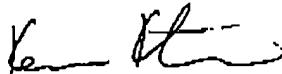
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